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For: VINYL-CIS-POLYBUTADIENE RUBBER  
AND BUTADIENE RUBBER COMPOSITION  
USING THE SAME

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Examiner: N. M. Nutter

**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2008 (Paper No. 20081123) in the above-identified patent application. This response is being timely filed by March 2, 2009 (March 1, 2009 being a Sunday).

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows: